MUSI 338 and MUSI 636: Percussion Chamber Music Spring 2022

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Class Times: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2:30 – 4:00
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Grading Policy:

You will be graded on many different components; including attendance, preparation, effort, and ability for rehearsals and performances. We will have two studio recitals in the Spring (Marimba and Percussion Ensemble). There will not be any midterms or final exams for this class.

Overall Class Expectations and Objectives:

You are expected to practice and prepare individually, rehearse with your assigned chamber group(s), and attend all ensemble coachings. This course is designed to build your musical, technical, and emotional growth within a chamber music setting. For the Marimba Recital, your chosen repertoire will need to be approved by Mr. Strauss. For Percussion Ensemble, Mr. Strauss will choose the necessary repertoire and part assignments.

Absence Policy:

You will be required to attend all rehearsals of your assigned repertoire. You are also required to attend all studio recitals and recitals presented by percussionists in the studio. If you are unable to attend any of these, you will need to receive permission from Mr. Strauss by submitting an emailed request prior to two weeks before the rehearsal or recital. Your grade will be affected by absences as well as accumulative lateness and / or premature departures.

All work should be of the highest quality, with the goal of preparing for a professional career as a musician and subject to the Rice Honor Code.

Students with Disabilities:

If you have a documented disability that may affect academic performance, you should: 1) make sure this documentation is on file with Disability Support Services (Allen Center, Room 111 / adarice@rice.edu / x5841) to determine the accommodations you need; and 2) meet with Matthew Strauss within the first couple of weeks of the course to discuss your accommodation needs.
Any student with a disability that requires accommodation should contact Mr. Strauss and the Disability Support Services at the Allen Center.